



# Mullen Fire Daily Update

Saturday, October 3, 2020: 9:00 am

## Fire Facts

### Location

38 miles west of Laramie, Wyoming

**Fire size today: 136,840** Per IR flight 10-2 8:40 p.m.

**Fire start date: September 17, 2020**

### Cause: Under investigation

Call Laramie Ranger District anonymous tip line 307-745-2392 with information that may aid in the fire investigation.

**Containment: 6%**

**Resources: 1068 firefighters total**

### Mandatory Evacuations:

Multiple evacuations and pre-evacuations are in place. See the Albany County Sheriff's Office (WY) and Jackson County Sheriff's Office (CO) Facebook pages and Larimer County (CO) website for the current list.

<https://www.facebook.com/Albany-County-Sheriffs-Office-618424944997540>

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySheriffOffice>

<https://www.larimer.org/emergency/emergency-information>

### Forest and County Restrictions

#### Stage 2 Fire Restrictions in Effect for the Fire Area

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland:

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd786902.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd786902.pdf)

Albany County:

<https://www.co.albany.wy.us/247/Fire-Restrictions>

**Temporary Flight Restriction** A Mullen Fire Temporary Flight Restriction – issued October 1:

[https://tfr.faa.gov/save\\_pages/detail\\_0\\_6107.html](https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_0_6107.html)

### Management

Rocky Mountain Type 2 Blue Team

## **Virtual Community Q&A TODAY at 5 p.m.**

The meeting will be livestreamed on the Mullen Fire Information page (<https://www.facebook.com/MullenFire>)

### Summary

Containment was established on the fire's northwest flank one mile north of the A Bar A Road south to Six Mile Road. Containment percentage was measured at 6%. Additional containment to the east is shown on fire maps and will be measured tomorrow.

Mild weather and the influx of resources are allowing firefighters to aggressively attack the fire using strategic aerial and ground firing operations. Fire crews are working along roads and accessible areas to reduce vegetation where they have the highest probability of success at limiting fire spread. Structure protection in Ramber, the Rob Roy area, Keystone, Lake Creek, Fox Park and Albany is established. New structure protection resources are focusing on communities to the west of Hwy 230 and south into Colorado.

Yesterday, firing operations successfully defended a group of structures in the Pelton Creek drainage. On the southern end of the fire, defensive lines were expanded inside the CO127/ CO125 loop using firing operations. Firefighters quickly suppressed several spot fires outside that area, guided by real-time aerial infrared imagery from an unmanned aerial system (UAS) or drone. When conditions are favorable today, firefighters will continue firing operations to extend control lines. On the north, crews plan to continue firing operations along the 542 Road to the Keystone fire scar securing Albany and communities to the north. Structure protection will be available in all areas as needed and firing operations will be ongoing. Increased smoke is expected during firing operations.

Fire crews are still working in evacuated areas to extinguish hot spots and remove hazards. For public and firefighter safety, evacuations will remain in effect until conditions change or risks are reduced.

### Fire Conditions and Weather

Better overnight humidity recovery and cooler temperatures today will decrease fire activity a bit today until early afternoon. Northwest winds are expected in that timeframe. West winds Sunday will impact fire activity to the east.

### Road and Forest Closures

Road status can change quickly in response to fire conditions. For the most current information on Wyoming and Colorado road closures, please see <https://www.wyoroad.info/pls/Browse/WRR.STATIC5?SelectedDistrict=1> and <https://cotrip.org/travelAlerts.htm#?roadId=> No estimate is available about reopening these roads.

**A Forest area closure** is in effect surrounding the Mullen Fire for public safety. See the new Forest Closure Orders for Medicine-Bow Route NF <https://tinyurl.com/y4gb8bqs> and Arapaho Roosevelt NF <https://tinyurl.com/y2e3qn3y>

**Fire information: Hours 8am – 9pm Public Line: 307-745-2378 Media Line: 307-461-9456**

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**Mullen Fire Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7208>**

**Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MullenFire/>**

**Twitter: Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland - @FS\_MBRTB**